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## FISCAL IMPACT REPORT

ORIGINAL DATE 2/1/08

SPONSOR Garcia, T. LAST UPDATED \_\_\_\_\_ HB 562

SHORT TITLE UNM Mora Land Grant Historical Study SB \_\_\_\_\_

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### APPROPRIATION (dollars in thousands)

Appropriation		Recurring or Non-Rec	Fund Affected
FY08	FY09		
	\$30.0	Non-Recurring	General Fund

(Parenthesis ( ) Indicate Expenditure Decreases)

### SOURCES OF INFORMATION

LFC Files

Responses Received From

Higher Education Department (HED)

### SUMMARY

#### Synopsis of Bill

House Bill 562 appropriates \$30.0 from the general fund to the Board of Regents of the University of New Mexico for the Spanish Colonial Research Center to conduct a historical study of the relationship between the Mora land grant and Fort Union.

### FISCAL IMPLICATIONS

The appropriation of \$30.0 contained in this bill is a recurring expense to the general fund. Any unexpended or unencumbered balance remaining at the end of fiscal year 2009 shall revert to the general fund.

This request was not submitted by UNM to the New Mexico Higher Education Department (NMHED) for review and is not included in the Department's funding recommendation for FY09.

### SIGNIFICANT ISSUES

The HED states:

The Spanish Colonial Research Center was created by a partnership between the National

Forest Service and UNM. The Spanish Colonial Research Center's primary purpose is to develop a computerized database from Spanish colonial documents to serve the research needs of the National Park Service's Spanish Colonial Heritage sites as well as other appropriate federal, state, and local organizations. A renewed Memorandum of Understanding originally signed in the summer of 1997, enables the Center to coordinate its research activities with appropriate faculty and graduate students at UNM.

According to the Institution, New Mexico's Hispano land grants have been largely ignored in university courses, research, and professional training. The funds appropriated by HB562 would supplement existing research and teaching activity relating to New Mexico land grants at the Spanish Colonial Research Center, and support specific outreach and study of the Mora Land Grant and the historical relationship to Fort Union, established in 1851 as the largest fort in the American southwest. Fort Union is designated by the United States Department of the Interior, National Park Service, as a National Monument.

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